



ST CUTHBERT'S
— CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL —

St Cuthbert's Catholic High School – Sixth Form Entry Requirements 2021 – 22

Entry requirements are made up of three elements: academic, induction and attendance/punctuality.

Academic

Basic entry requirement for all courses is five 9 – 4 grades, including English and Mathematics. Given that all of our courses are Level 3 courses (A Level or equivalent), they require you to have reached these standards at KS4.

Courses may have an additional, specific grade requirement. Some courses with a practical component will have further entry requirements in terms of practical skills.

These requirements are designed to help you get onto the right course. You will be happiest studying courses you have a good chance of succeeding in. If you are at all uncertain about whether or not you should be following a course, talk to the subject teachers or curriculum leader, well before finalising your choices.

Induction

Attendance at induction is compulsory. Induction is currently scheduled to take place on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th June, 2021. Holidays should not be booked during this time, or indeed at any time during school terms. We will keep you updated with induction plans should we need to change them due to COVID restrictions.

Students will need to successfully pass the induction period to ensure that they are eligible to enrol on to the courses.

Attendance, punctuality, behaviour and study habits

We expect all students to maintain a good standard of attendance, punctuality, behaviour and uniform. Our expectation is for 96%+ attendance for Year 11 and an excellent punctuality record. In our experience, students who struggle to attend, or to attend on time, also struggle with the demands of post 16 education. Equally, we expect students to maintain positive behaviour, good study habits and a productive, focused work ethic.

Entry requirements

For all A Levels, students should have a minimum of five 9-4 grades in different subjects, including Mathematics and either English (Language or Literature), plus the specific requirements for the subjects they would like to study.

For all other courses, students should have a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and either English (Language or Literature), plus an interest in the subject areas chosen.

Subject	Subject specific
Art	5 in Art at GCSE, if taken. For students who have not taken GCSE and wish to take the subject, an exceptional portfolio of drawings must be produced and presented to the Head of Art to assess and decide their inclusion on the course.
Biology	7, 8 or 9 preferred. High 6 considered. Minimum of grade 6 in Mathematics.
Business Studies	6 in Business at GCSE, if taken. You can take this course without having studied the GCSE, in which case you will need a minimum of grade 6 in Mathematics and in either English Language or Literature.
Chemistry	7, 8 or 9 preferred. High 6 considered. Minimum of grade 6 in Mathematics.
Computing	6 in Computing at GCSE, if taken. You can take this course without having studied the GCSE, in which case you will need a minimum of grade 6 in Mathematics.
Design and Technology	5 in Design and Technology at GCSE. At least one 5 in Science and 5s in English and Mathematics.
English Language	6 in English Language.
English Literature	6 in English Literature.
French	7, 8 or 9 preferred. High grade 6 considered.
Further Mathematics	7 or higher at Mathematics GCSE. You must also be taking Mathematics A Level.
Geography	6 in Geography at GCSE, if taken. At least one 5 in Science and 5s in an English and Mathematics
History	6 in History at GCSE, if taken. You can take this course without having studied the GCSE, in which case you will need a minimum of grade 6 in English.
Mathematics	Grade 7 or higher at GCSE. High grade 6 considered.
Music	6 or higher in Music at GCSE preferred or Grade 5 theory ABRSM Certificate. Working at Grade 6 or above in performance preferred.
Photography	Evidence of artistic ability from KS4. There is an upper limit for this course. If it is oversubscribed, interviews will take place to assess suitability.
Physics	7, 8 or 9 preferred. High 6 considered. Minimum of grade 6 in Mathematics.
Religious Studies	6 in Religious Studies.
Sports Studies	Minimum of grade 5 in Biology or 55 in Science. A high level of sporting ability is essential due to the practical element on this course.
Extended Certificate Business	Minimum of grade 4 in English and Mathematics. An interest in Business is essential.
Extended Certificate IT	Minimum of grade 4 in English and Mathematics. An interest in IT is essential.
Extended Certificate Science	Minimum of grade 4 in English and Mathematics and 44 in Science. An interest in Science is essential.
Extended Certificate Sport	Minimum of grade 4 in English and Mathematics. An interest in Sport is essential.
EPQ	Willingness to work independently

Some subjects are available at Sacred Heart High School, subject to entry requirements being met and places being available. These include: Psychology, Government and Politics, Sociology, Economics, Film Studies and, potentially, Spanish.

GCSE re-sits (English and Mathematics) and Core Religious Education are timetabled separately. The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is available to all students who wish to take it.

N.B. Subjects will run as long as viable groups can be formed.